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# OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS

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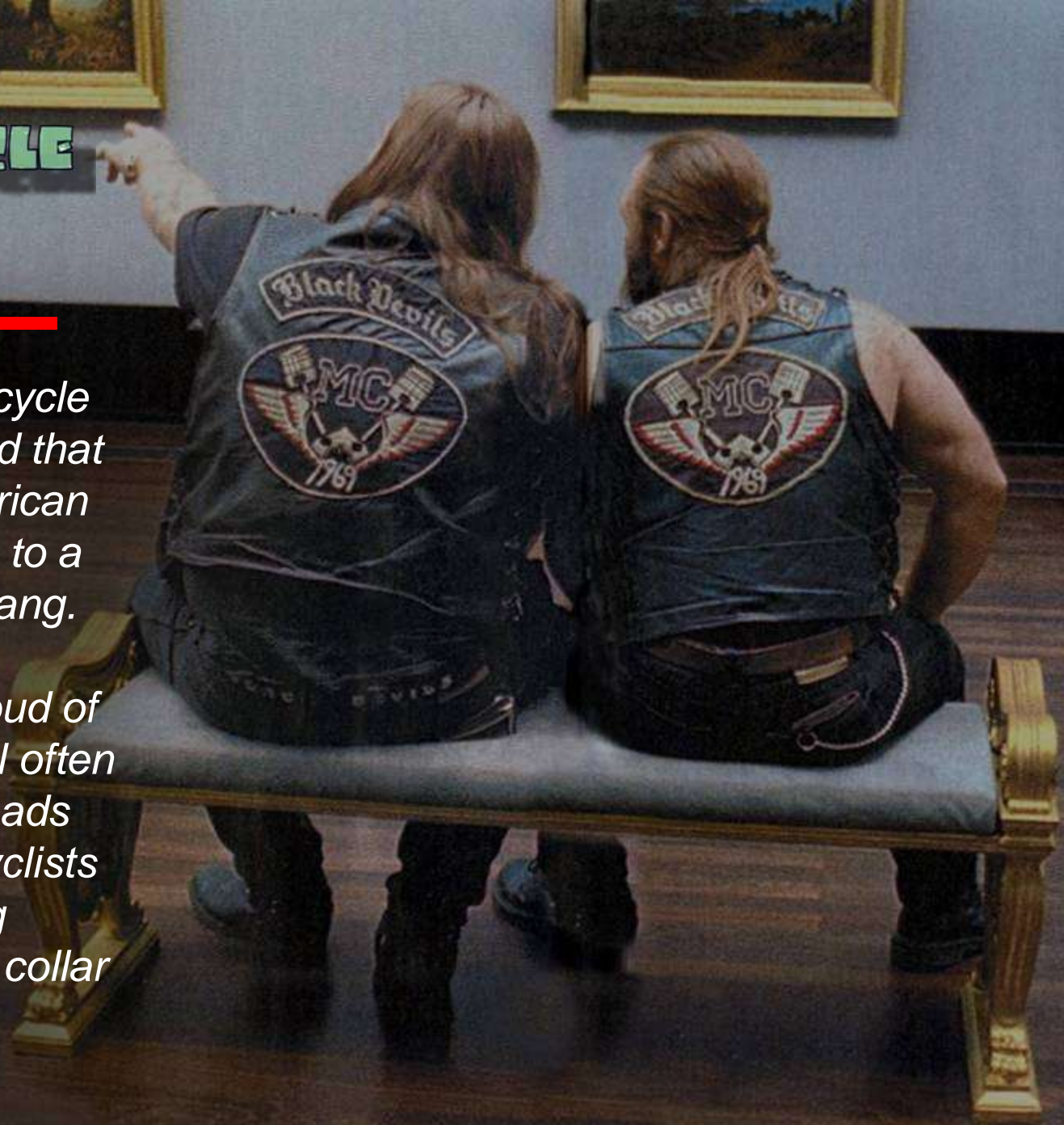
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# OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS

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*The American Motorcycle Association has stated that less than 1% of American motorcyclists belong to a outlaw motorcycle gang.*

*Outlaw bikers are proud of that distinction and will often have a patch that reads "1%er". Most motorcyclists are hard working professional and blue collar workers.*





# OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE GANGS



- Approximately 400 Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs are currently active in the United States. These gangs range in level of criminal sophistication from groups of thugs to well organized criminal networks.
- As of 2011, there are approximately 60 active outlaw motorcycle gangs in California with a combined membership of about 2000 members.
- In Los Angeles County, numerous OMG's have set up residence. In order of size they are: Hell's Angels, Mongols, Vagos, Hessians, Chosen Few, Diablos, Devil's Disciples, Devil's Henchmen, Vigilantes, and Sundowners.



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## OUTLAW MOTORCYCLE CLANS



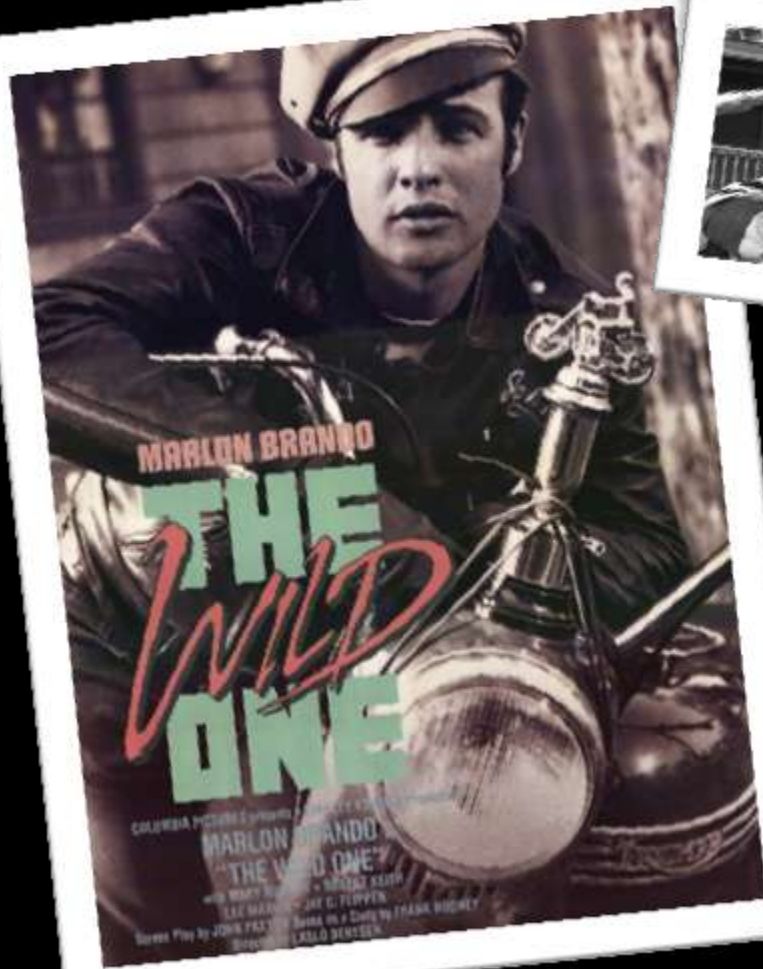


# LA County Gangs

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The public's fascination with outlaw motorcycle gangs really took off in 1953 when the movie *The Wild One* premiered starring Marlon Brando as a biker rebelling against whatever's society got. The film is banned in Britain until 1968 and San Francisco Hells Angel president Frank Sadilek make a point of acquiring the shirt worn by Lee Marvin in the movie.



# Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club



Motto” “Three people will keep a secret if two are dead”



- Originated in San Bernardino in 1948 as the “Pissed Off Bastards of Bloomington” (POBOB)
- Created by group of returning WWII veterans
- San Bernardino was first chapter (lead by Otto Friedli) and the center of HAMC until late 1950's
- 1958, Sonny Barger assumes leadership and moves mother chapter to Oakland

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# Legacy begins after World War II



The club got it's name from a WWII Bomber Squadron called the "Hell's Angels", who took the name from the original 1930 Howard Hughes movie.





# Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club



- The Hell's Angels are the largest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang in the world. As of 2011, they are believed to have approximately 200 chapters worldwide with about 3000 members in 27 countries.
- FBI believes that they may take in up to one billion dollars a year in illegal drug sales, mostly from methamphetamines.
- Mother chapter in Oakland, California.
- At war with just about everyone, especially the Mongols, Outlaws, Pagans, and Sons of Silence.

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# STRUCTURE

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- 200 Chapters Worldwide
- By 2009, with the opening of a chapter in Turkey, the Hells count a presence on every continent on Earth except Antarctica
- Chapters have autonomy regarding member discipline and minor policy changes
- Membership rules are outlined in by-laws



Hell's Angels at Folsom State Prison





# MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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- White, Hispanic or Asian male
- Over 21 years of age
- Own and ride Harley Davidson over 1200cc
- Sponsored by a full member as a hang-around
  - performs errands for club members
- Then made a prospect
  - can wear jacket with bottom rocker
- Complete a probationary period
  - commonly 6 months to 1 year



# MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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- Pay club dues
- Attend mandatory chapter meetings
  - called “Church”
  - at least monthly
- Inducted by unanimous vote of chapter
- Once a member in good standing, (usually five years of good service) may obtain permission to move to another part of the country and/or become a “Nomad” if there is no chapter nearby. Nomads do not have to attend monthly “church”.
- Members caught using the needle will be kicked out of the club





# **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS - PROSPECTS**

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- Probationary members (Prospects) are ordered to use illegal narcotics and to commit felony crimes, up to and including murder to ensure the probationer is not a cop and to prove his loyalty to the club.
- Probos are subject to lie detector testing and extensive background checks by a private Investigator.
- Members must complete applications with extensive background and family information.
- Probationary members will have only the club's location patch on their back.



# MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS - FEMALES

- Females cannot become members of the club.
- They are often called “Mamas” or “Sheep” and are considered property of the club to be shared by all. An exception to the property classification is made for wives and girlfriends (Old Ladies) of individual members.
- Many clubs will allow the females to wear a club patch with the words “Property of” underneath it.
- Many work as prostitutes or in strip bars and hustle drugs for the gang.
- They will hold weapons and drugs for the gang on bike runs.



Property of  
MOMADS







# CHAPTER OFFICERS

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- **President**
  - often chapter founder
  - is either elected or self-imposed
- **Vice President**
  - chosen by chapter members
- **Secretary/Treasurer**
  - Responsible for clubs money
  - Collects club dues
- **Sergeant-at-Arms**
  - Club enforcer
  - Reports directly to President



*Sonny Barger*



# CHAPTER POSITIONS

- **Road Captain**
  - Chief of security for club runs
  - Maps out routes
  - Arranges refueling & food stops
  - Carries club money for run
- **Associates or Honorary Members**
  - Individuals who are of value to the club
  - Professional people like attorneys, bail bondsmen, & motorcycle chop shop owners
  - Do not have voting status or wear colors



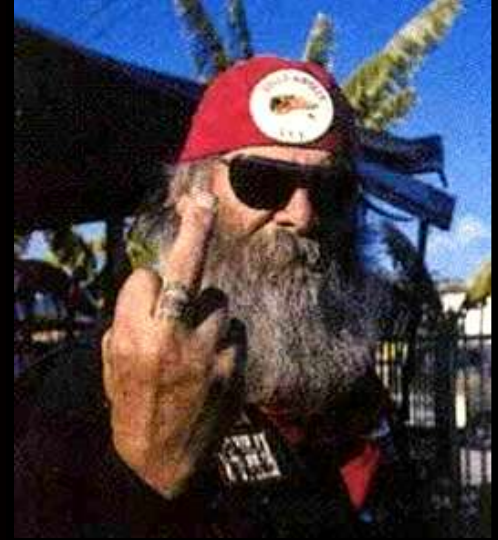




# CHAPTER RANK AND FILE

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- **Member**
  - Full patch holder in good standing
- **Prospect**
  - Prospective member
  - Can wear bottom and side rocker only
- **Hang-around**
  - Invited by member to visit clubhouse
- **Associate**
  - Does not necessarily want membership but the relationship commonly benefits the gang





# NATIONAL LEADERSHIP

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- East COM and West COM
- Democratic style meeting
- Executive Committee oversees meeting
  - President, vice president, secretary & treasurer
- Each chapter chooses a representative
- The neighboring coast is also represented
- USA Run
  - All chapter presidents/officers are required to attend to vote on issues that affect the club as a whole





# The Outrage at Altamont – Dec 6, 1969

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The most notorious moment in their history: the Sonny Barger-led Hells Angels' efforts to provide security for the Rolling Stones concert at Altamont Raceway ends in tragedy when concertgoer Meredith Hunter is stabbed to death. The murder itself is shockingly captured in the documentary film *Gimme Shelter*.

A 2008 BBC documentary alleges that to punish Mick Jagger for his refusal to associate with the Angels after Altamont, the Hells Angels planned to kill him at his Long Island holiday estate. The plot reportedly failed after a storm threw the gang of intended killers overboard from their boat.



SOME PEOPLE TYPE A RESUME. OTHERS WEAR THEIRS.

IN SEARCH OF HISTORY

# the Wild bunch

BEGINS MONDAY, MARCH 22  
8PM ET/9PM PT

MON • HELLS ANGELS

TUES • QUINTRILL'S RAIDERS

WED • THE HEADHUNTERS

THURS • RIVER PIRATES

FRI • FIVE POINTS GANGS



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WHERE THE PAST COMES ALIVE.

[www.HistoryChannel.com](http://www.HistoryChannel.com)



There are hundreds of books, movies, and television documentaries about the Hell's Angels. They have even patented their trademark "Deathhead" or as they call it "Stinger" logo





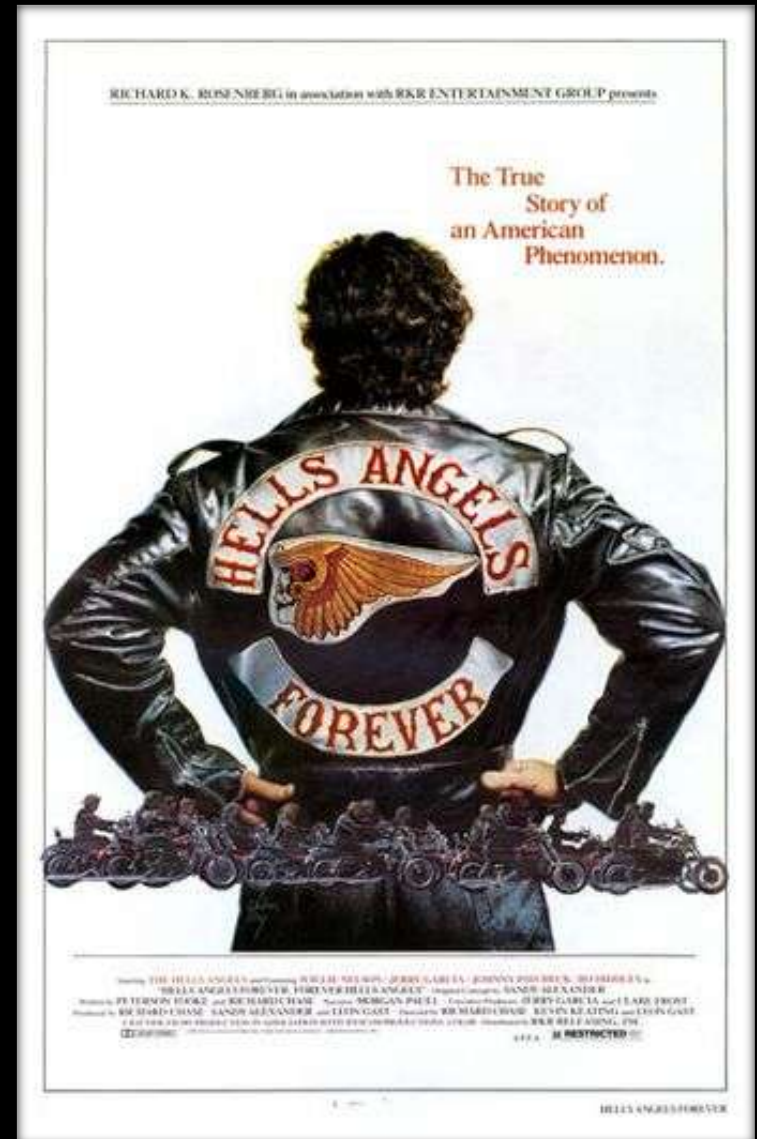
# Hell's Angels Merchandizing



2011 Hell's Angeles Calendar



Hell's Angels Racing Team



Hell's Angels Forever – The Movie





**HELLS ANGELS**  
Motorcycle Club

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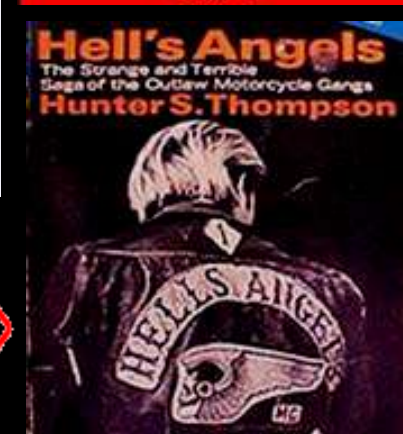
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Sign in from 8am till noon at Billy Goheen Motorcycles 2833 Del Monte Blvd.  
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“Big Red Machine” is a brand of motorcycle accessories marketed by the Hell’s Angels. They also associate with the number “81” and the Red & White Colors. “81” being the eighth and first letters of the alphabet which are “H” & “A”



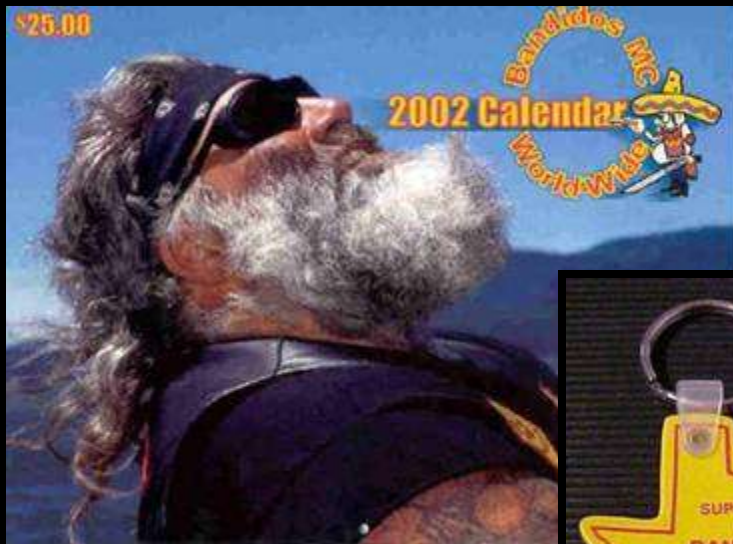
# HELLS ANGELS SUE TO ENFORCE COPYRIGHTS ON FASHION LINE

August 28 2011 – LA Times

The Hell's Angels Motorcycle Club is suing a T-shirt manufacturer in Los Angeles, over the illegal use of their trademarks and copyrights. From the Complaint itself: "From decades of notoriety, the HAMC (Hells Angels Motorcycle Club) marks have acquired very widespread public recognition, consequently they evoke strong and immediate reactions whenever used. The impact of these marks is virtually incomparable, and as a result they have great commercial value,".

The organization has in the past sued major fashion players such as Saks Fifth Avenue and Alexander McQueen and won.





Bandidos Calendar  
& Keychain



# OMG Merchandizing

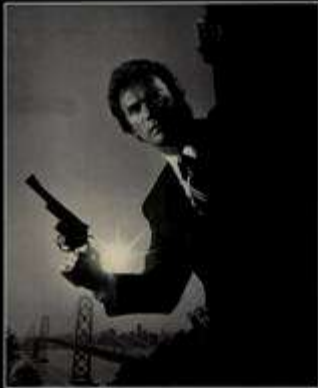
Most major outlaw motorcycle clubs merchandize their logo often with symbols claiming “Support your local...”



Charms, Clocks, Hats, and T-Shirts



# Enforcers



CLINT EASTWOOD IS DIRTY HARRY  
THE ENFORCER



666 = FFF = Filthy Few Forever



“DEQUIALLO” patch is claimed to have been earned by HAMC members who have reacted/responded violently toward law enforcement personnel.

- Most of the larger outlaw motorcycle gangs have their own enforcer squads which are guided by a code of terror.
- They strive to maintain their reputation as outlaws by instilling fear to gain respect.
- Gangs keep members in line and eliminate the opposition with their enforcer squads.
- The Hell's Angels have their “Filthy Few” enforcer squad, The Outlaw's Motorcycle Club have their “SS”, the Pagan's have there Black T-Shirt Squad, and the Bandidos have their Nomad Chapter.

# POPULAR PATCHES FOUND ON OUTLAW BIKER VESTS



## DEVIL DISCIPLES MOTORCYCLE CLUB

13 badge

FTW badge

F#%K THE WORLD

Year badges

D F F D means Devils Forever, Forever Devils. Many gangs use a similar format, (such as A F F A - Angels Forever, Forever Angels, used by the Hells Angels.)

1% badge

Upside Down Patch or Badge = Officer Assaulted

Gang symbol

Gang name

In some gangs the Sergeant at Arms wears military style sergeant stripes.

A side-rocker.

MC stands for Motorcycle Club.





# Popular Patches found on Outlaw Biker Vests Include:

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(All wings must be witnessed)



Blue Wings means wearer had oral sex with a cop



Brown Wings means wearer had oral sex on a woman's anus



Red Wings means wearer had oral sex while female was menstruating



Purple Wings means wearer had oral sex with a female corpse



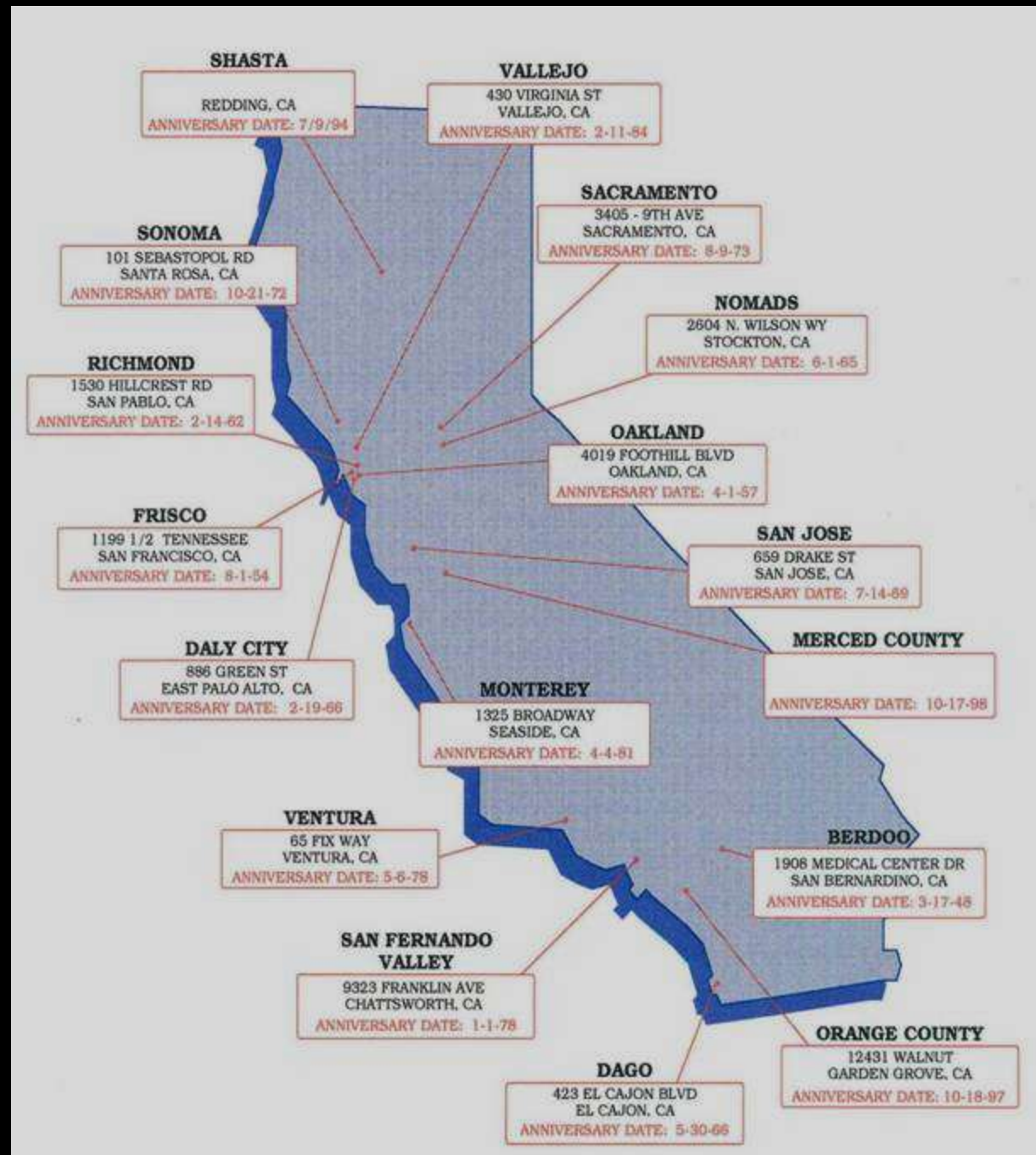
Green Wings means the wearer had oral sex with a woman who has a venereal disease



Gold Wings means wearer performed sexual relations with a woman during a gang rape involving 15 or more persons



# Chapter Locations of the HA clubhouses in California







# HELLS ANGELS - UNITED STATES



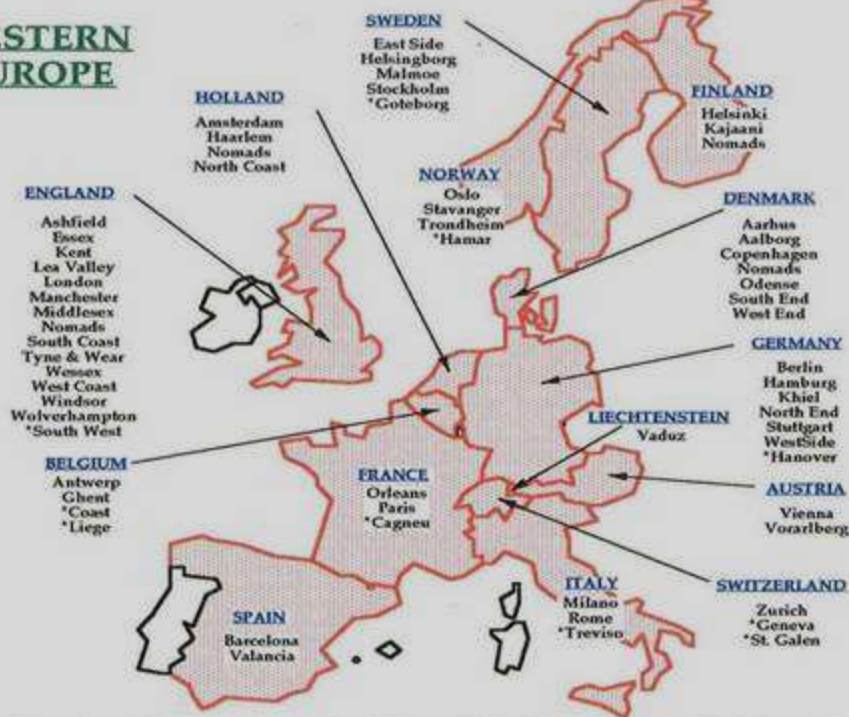


# HELLS ANGELS INTERNATIONAL

## CANADA



## WESTERN EUROPE



## AFRICA

**SOUTH AFRICA**  
Cape Town  
Durban  
Johannesburg  
Nomads  
West Rand

## AUSTRALIA



## NEW ZEALAND

Auckland  
Wanganui  
\*Hastings





# FINANCES

- The Hells Angels have set up the “Church of Angels” to provide a tax shelter.
- They also launder money through legitimate business such as security work, tattoo shops, pawn shops, motorcycle shops, strip clubs, limousine services, and hazardous waste disposal.



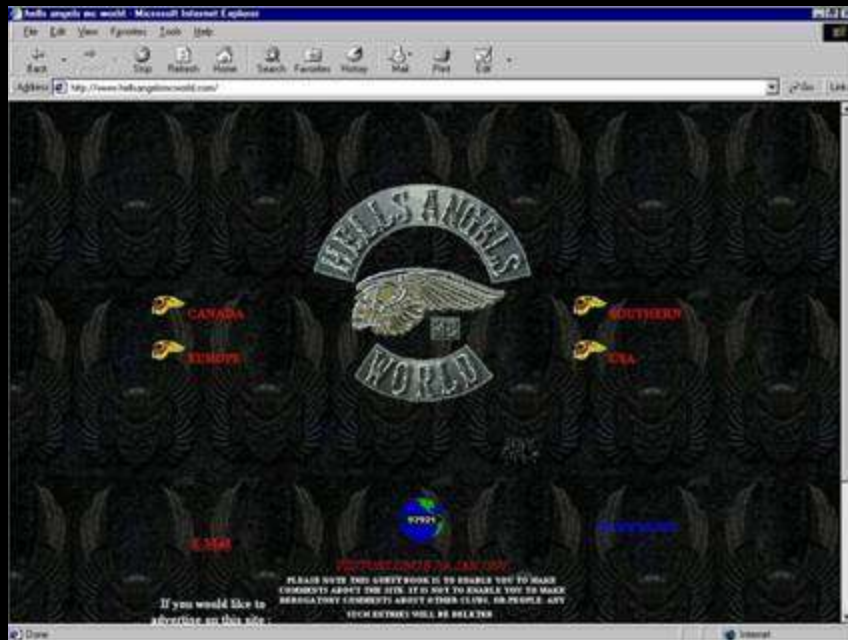
# OMG TRENDS

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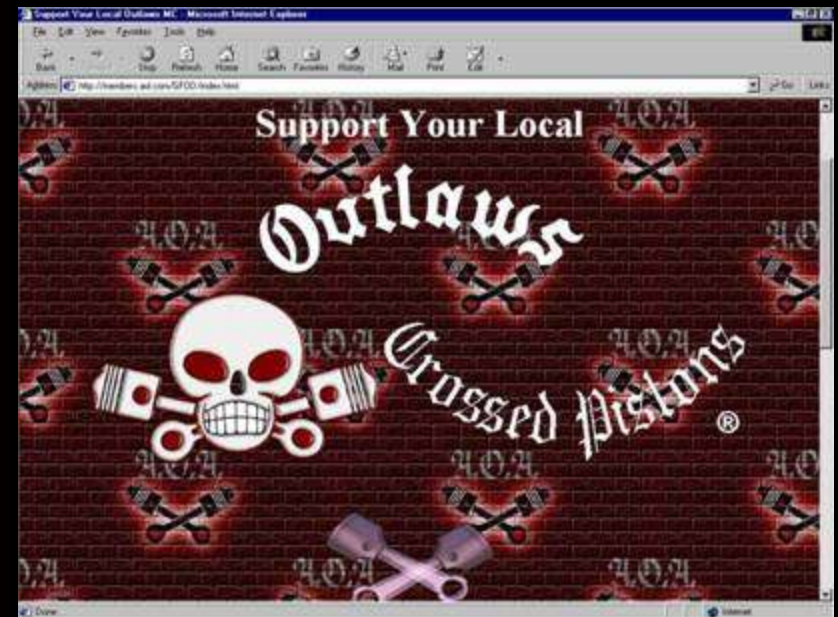
- OMG's are becoming more technologically up to date through the use of computers & internet.
- Foreign OMG members are required to learn English within one year.
- Emphasis is being placed on an upgraded image, cleaning up appearances and charitable activities.
- Widespread recruitment, takeovers of other OMG's (patch over) and obtain more "puppet clubs".
- The use of mail to ship narcotics, especially methamphetamine precursor ingredients (ephedrine) which is dissolved in water, frozen into ice and covertly used to ship perishables in ice chest coolers.
- Manufacture of meth/marijuana at remote sites, islands, anchored ships, vehicles, etc.
- Use of audiovisual equipment to record contacts with law enforcement.
- Involvement in hazardous waste industry to transport and obtain regulated chemicals.
- Filing civil rights lawsuits to harass law enforcement.



# Various Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs have there own Public Relations Web Sites



[www.hellsangelsmcworld.com](http://www.hellsangelsmcworld.com)



[Http://members.aol.com/GFOD/index.html](http://members.aol.com/GFOD/index.html)



[www.bandidos.dk](http://www.bandidos.dk)



# Popular Biker Terms

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**22** = A member who has done prison time

**Bible** = Harley Davidson motorcycle manual..used for weddings

**Back Pack** = Full colors tattooed on a member's back

**D.F.F.L.** = Dope forever forever loaded

**Hog** = A Harley Davidson Motorcycle

**Horse or Sled**= Motorcycle

**Jap Crap or Rice Burner** = A Japanese made motorcycle

**Mama or Sheep** = A female that is sexual available to all club members

**Po Go Stick** = Automatic Machine Gun

**Probate** = A person who rides with the club during their probation period

**Prospect** = A prospective member

**Pull a train** = A female having sexual intercourse with several club members

**Radio** = To shut up

**Scoop** = Someone who has lied

**Sissy Bar** = Bars that form a backrest behind a motorcycle seat

**Skuller** = Fellatio

**Snuff** = To kill a person

**Suck to the bulls** = Member talks or acts friendly to police

**War Wagon** = Vehicle carrying club's arsenal during a outing



# OFFICER SAFETY ISSUES



- ✓ Gangs are well organized
- ✓ Actively conduct counter surveillance operations
- ✓ Corruption of public officials
- ✓ Confrontational towards law enforcement
- ✓ Use law enforcement staff as intelligence sources
- ✓ Specialize in improvised weapons and explosives



# *DIP STICK KNIFES*



NOTE: Dipsticks on all Harley Davidson models are located on the right side.



Law enforcement officers should be aware of a Dip Stick knife that is being sold legally for around \$80 at local motorcycle shops. It's called The Outlaw and is used as an engine oil dipstick for various Harley Davidson models.



# SHOTGUN MOUNTED TO MOTORCYCLE BARS



A ranger patrolling the Mount Rushmore area of South Dakota spotted this motorcycle parked with a Remington 870 Express 12-gauge shotgun mounted across the handle bars. The motorcycle was unoccupied at the time. The weapon was functional, and painted to match the motorcycle. The shotgun was unloaded and had been custom mounted to the handlebars. The weapon was secured with a padlock device through the trigger mechanism. If the weapon had been loaded with a round in the chamber, the only manipulation required to fire it would be to pull the trigger. Laws concerning firearms vary state to state. In most states this would be considered a legal way to “transport” a firearm (Unloaded and in plain view).

# HIDDEN TIRE GAUGE GUN



This spring loaded single shot .22 caliber weapon comes disguised as normal looking tire gauge. To fire the weapon the threaded top needs to be removed and the cartridge dropped in. The spring loaded top is then pulled back and let go, driving the rim-fire firing pin into the cartridge. The only real indication this is not a tire gauge is the absence of the plastic measuring device. The suspect who had this weapon claimed to have purchased it from a member of the Hell's Angels.



## *HIDDEN MOTORCYCLE HANDLEBAR SHOTGUN*



In August 2002, a New Jersey Patrol Officer detained a Pagan OMG member for a vehicle infraction. During a inspection of his motorcycle it was discovered that the left handlebar (clutch) grip had been modified to fire a .410 shotgun round. The handlebar had been modified with a spring loaded lever to fire the round. This is why you should always approach a motorcyclist on his right side. The right hand grip contains a movable throttle which is much more difficult to modify.

# *HIDDEN FIREARM IN TOOL BOX*

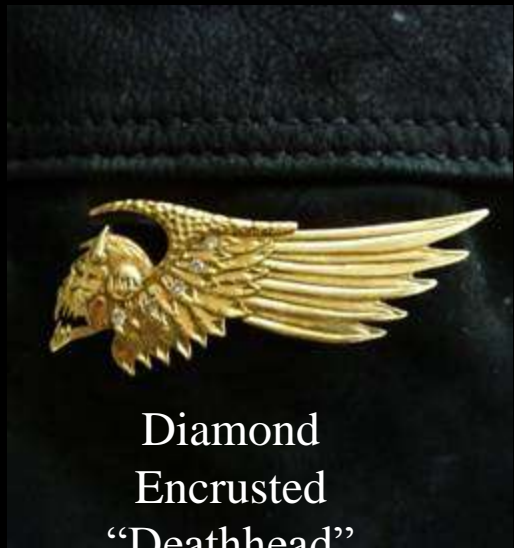
Here is a toolbox that is specifically designed to conceal a weapon on the left free hand side of the bike. This accessory can be purchased over the internet.





# *Ballistic Vest Colors*

Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs are using Ballistic Body Armor Inserts inside their Vests



Diamond  
Encrusted  
"Deathhead"



Ballistic Body Armor



# *ORDINARY ITEMS*

Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members will also readily carry ordinary items that they are pre-prepared to use as a weapon.



Hammers



Screwdrivers



Rings



Handlebar Knife



Knife – Pocket Carry



Knife – Belt Sheath



# *HIDDEN FIREARM IN seat*

A simple, yet effective way to conceal a firearm is in the motorcycle seat. The rider simply removes the stitches surrounding the front of the motorcycle seat. Once the leather covering is removed the rider hollows out the front portion of the foam padding. A semi-automatic pistol such as a Glock 40 Cal is placed in the hollowed out area. The leather seat covering is then pulled back over the foam padding and affixed with Velcro. In this example, the recessed area was covered up after use.



# *THE cracker*

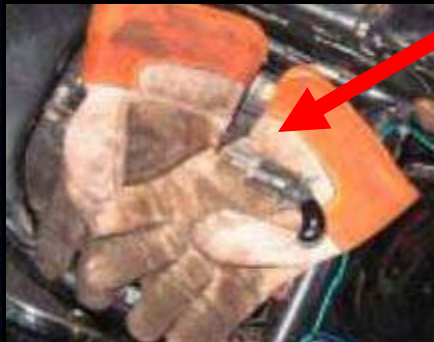
Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members are incorporating a new type of improvised weapon they call the “cracker.” They suspend a nylon whip with metal attachment from their handlebar. These “crackers” can be quickly accessed by the rider and swung as a weapon like a ball n’ chain.





# *HANDGUN IN GLOVES*

Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members are very clever at how they hide their weapons. At a motorcycle event in Wisconsin, a OMG member was found to possess a small .22 caliber five shot revolver in his riding gloves. Using this technique, the gun could be fired while the rider looked like they were simply putting their gloves on or off.



Same gun with  
modified case



North American Arms  
5-shot 22LR revolver  
(very close to actual size)

# *radio Jammers*

In October 2008, Police in Canada conducted a traffic stop of a Hell's Angel Member. During the stop, they noticed they were unable to communicate with their portable radios. During the stop, officers discovered a "radio jammer" on the vehicle that the rider claimed to have purchased on E-bay and was designed to block cellular radio waves within a 30 foot range. The device was seized using grounds of obstructing police and safety reasons. Please use caution if you encounter such a device and bear in mind that by moving away from the device and/or vehicle, you will be able to use your radio.

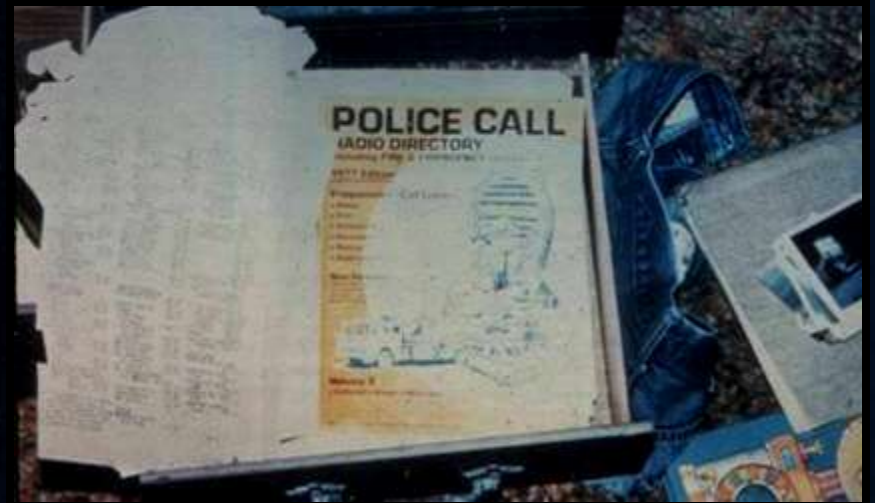




# OMG TACTICS



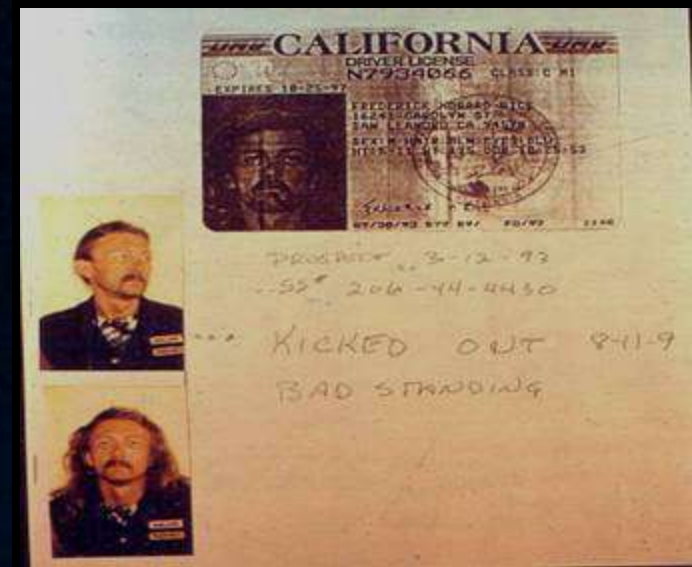
**Clubhouse video surveillance**



**Police Radio Codes at the ready**



**Video Camera at Sheriff Traffic Stops**

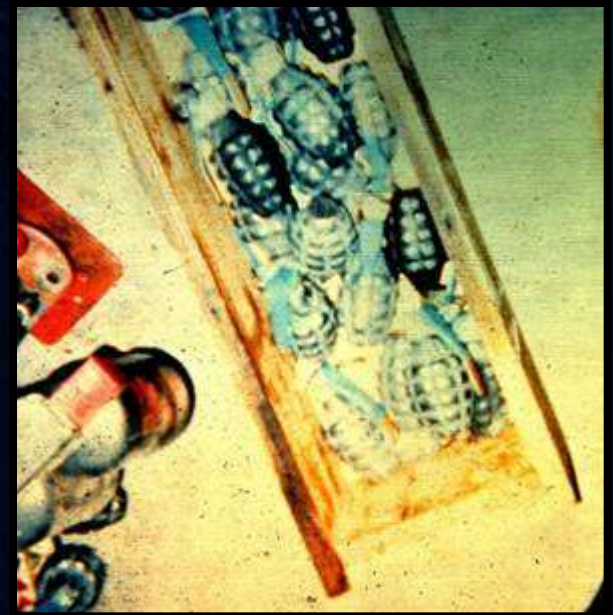


**DMV Check by Hell's Angels Associate**





**Suburban “Safe Houses”**



**Grenades in hidden spaces**



**Large cache of automatic weapons**



**Rocket Launcher under bed**

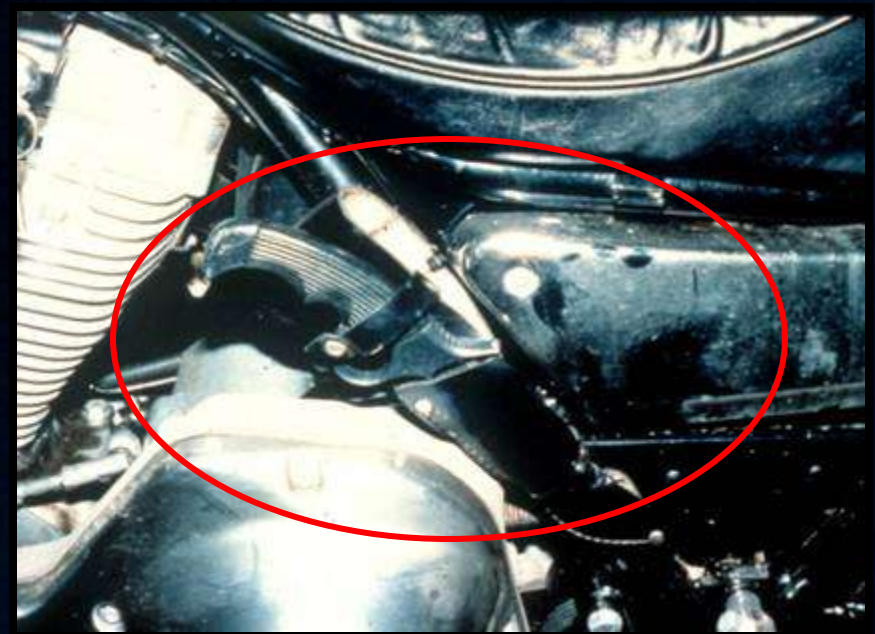




Ammo, bullet proof vests, and Gas  
Masks at the ready in clubhouse

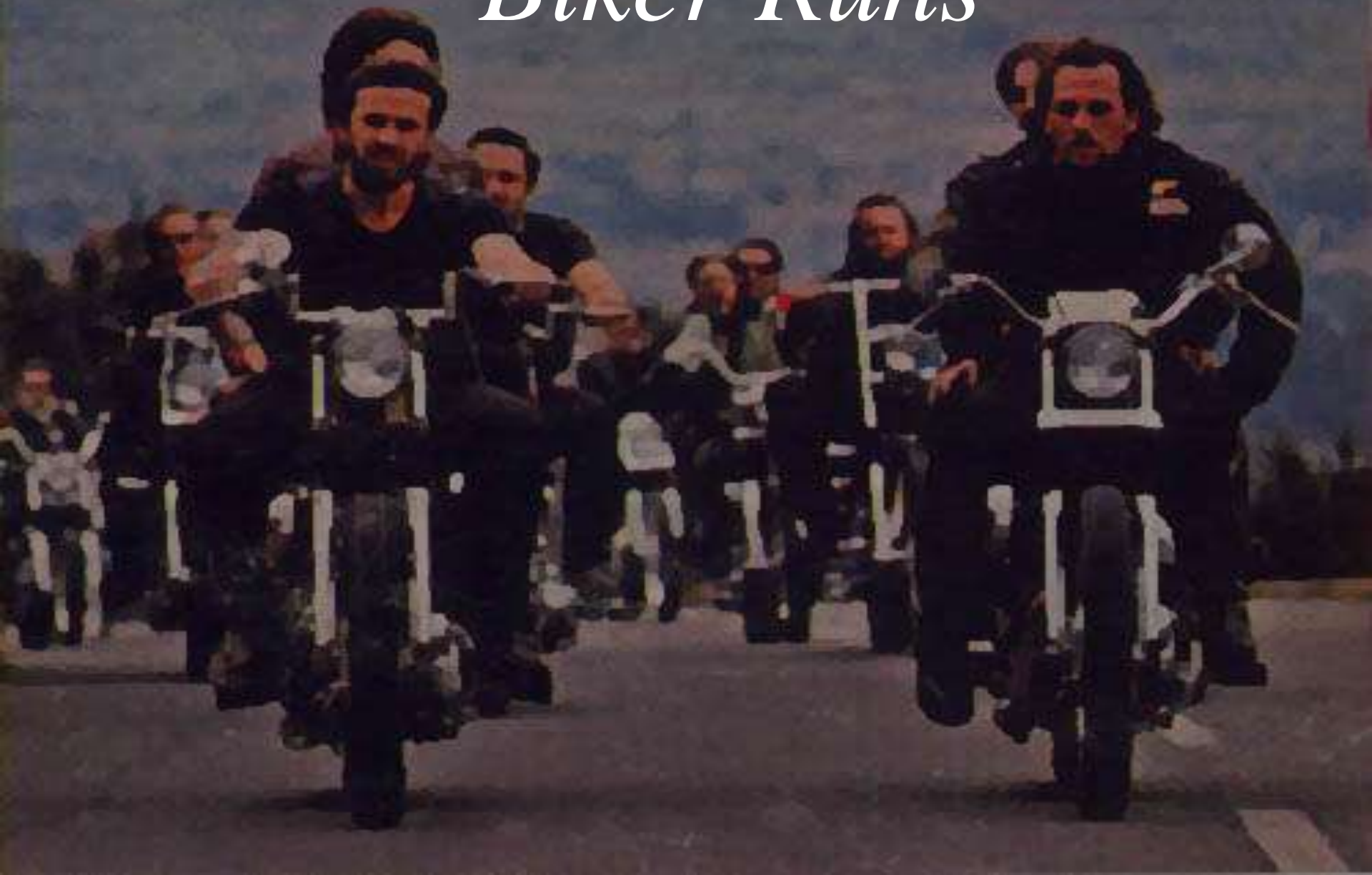


.22 cal Derringer sewn into hidden vest pocket



Knife attached in engine frame

# *Biker Runs*



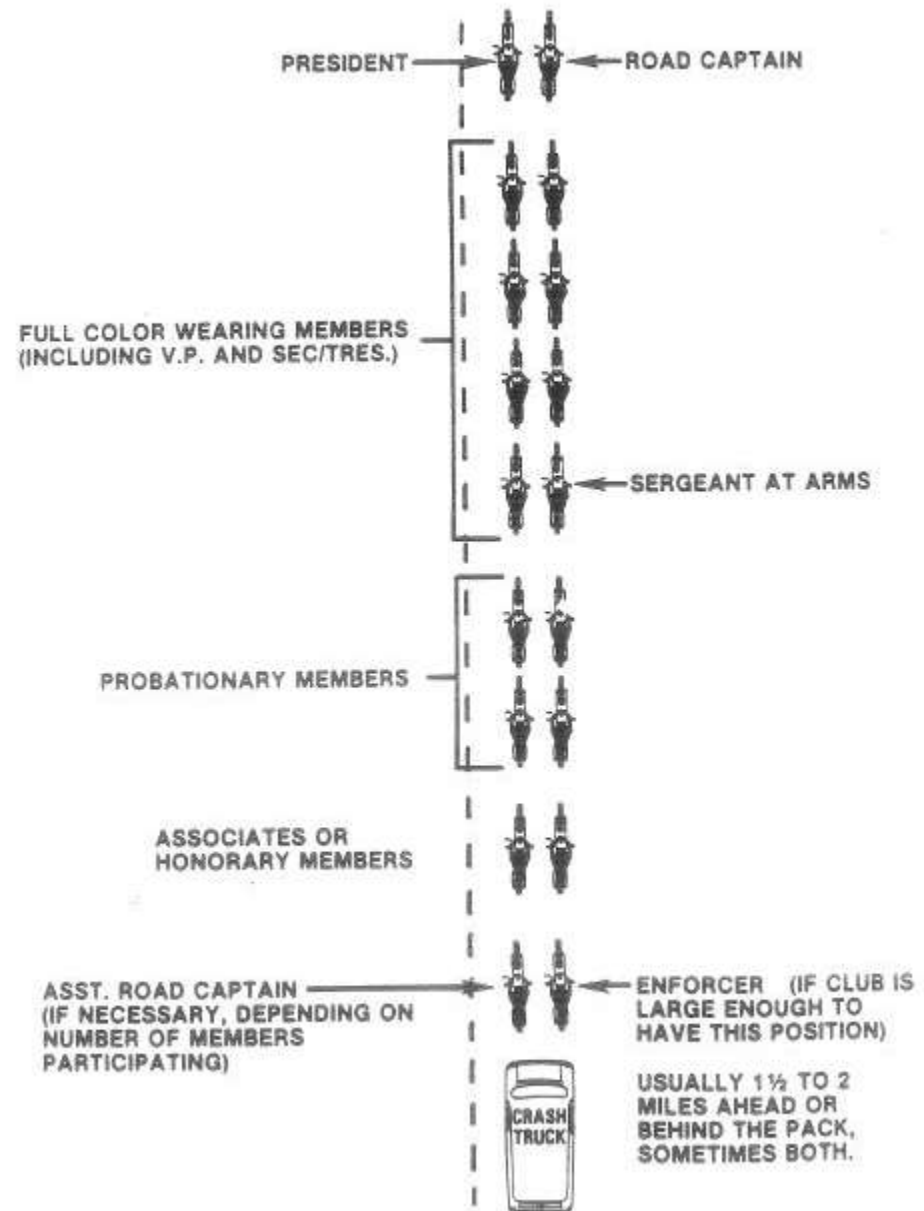


What not to do with a OMG Run behind you....



# RUN FORMATIONS

- Done on special outings, such as club meetings, holidays, weddings, and funerals.
- The Chapter's President and Club's Road Captain always ride in front. Distinguished guests will ride directly behind them.
- Club members ride next followed by probationary members and finally associates.
- At the very end of the formation will be a "crash truck" with spare gas, parts, and space to pick-up any broken down bikes.
- Runs will often employ a scout vehicle to warn of roadblocks.





# BIKER RUN - TRAFFIC STOP PRECAUTIONS



- Never let a biker out of your sight.
- Always be in command. Be firm, but respectful.
- Make the bikers stay with their bikes.
- Do not approach with your weapon drawn unnecessarily.
- Do not touch their patch or colors unnecessarily.
- Do not separate their women out of view unnecessarily.
- If an arrest is going to be made, try to ask for the support of the club president.

# TRAFFIC STOP PRECAUTIONS

(Continued)



- Realize that they may try to video tape all your actions.
- Do a through search of their person & bike as warranted by probable cause.
- Bikers have been known to stash weapons within their engines, on their old ladies, inside their boots, and sewn inside hidden pockets in their vests.
- Watch out for needles, razor blades, and fish hooks in their clothing seams during your pat down search.
- Check the left handlebar to see if it has been modified to fire a single shotgun shell.



# TRAFFIC STOP PRECAUTIONS

(Continued)



- Do not let the general public stop and gawk.
- Check VIN numbers and do warrant checks.
- Use K-9's if available for narcotic searches.
- Note any phone numbers or bail bond cards found.
- Take good notes of patches, crests, and tattoos you observe and pass on to your gang or outlaw biker unit.
- Outlaw Biker Gangs have little respect for Law Enforcement Officers, and they have no respect for female Law Enforcement Officers.
- Work the gang members in small groups, don't allow yourself to be rushed.
- In summary, be firm, fair, and respectful.

# Biker Identification?

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# Identification - Is he an “Outlaw” Biker?

Most Outlaw Biker Gangs have a “Three Piece Patch”, also called a “Rocker” or referred to as one’s “Colors”



If a “1%” patch is present, the guy’s an outlaw biker

Some Outlaw Biker Gangs have a two or one piece patch

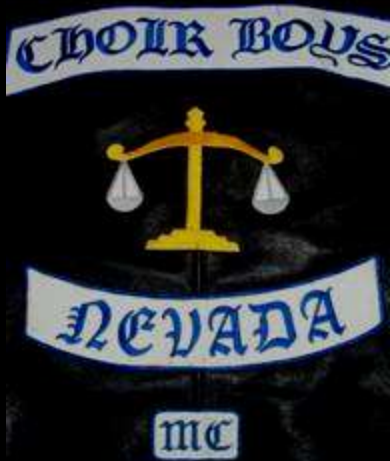


Buffalo Soldiers  
(Black MC Club)

There are exceptions  
- some non-outlaw clubs have a 3 piece patch.

# THE GOOD GUYS

## Examples of Law Enforcement Friendly Motorcycle Clubs





# OMG - LEMC Relations

- *Violent events between an OMG and LEMC are not all that infrequent. In most cases, the violence that occurred was the consequence of the LEMC wearing colors.*
- *OMG's are obsessively territorial of their colors, especially the bottom rocker or patch that identifies the geographic area claimed by the OMG.*
- *OMG's will staunchly defend their territorial claims with violent aggression, in areas or regions they consider their turf.*
- *OMG's will scrutinize any motorcycle club they come in contact with including LEMC's, especially if they are wearing a three piece rocker with the bottom rocker claiming turf controlled by the OMG.*



# OMG - LEMC Relations

- *In August 2008, a Seattle based Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club called the “Iron Pigs” got in a bar room confrontation with the Hell’s Angels OMG at the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota. The incident stemmed over the Iron Pig member wearing a “Washington” bottom rocker patch that the Hell’s Angels claim as their turf. The incident resulted in a confrontation with one of the Hell’s Angels members being gunned down.*
- *During that same event in Sturgis, three members of another LEMC were seriously assaulted by OMG members because of the colors they were wearing. Despite their injuries, the LEMC members refused to prosecute.*

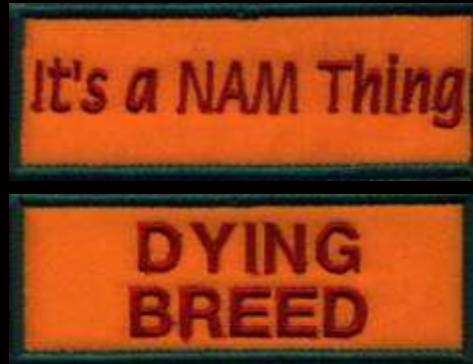






# Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club

Although not a Outlaw Motorcycle Gang, The Vietnam Vets probably have the largest Motorcycle Club in the United States. They have chapters in every state and overall membership is in the thousands.



**IN MEMORY OF  
OVER 58,044  
BROTHERS WHO  
NEVER RETURNED  
VIETNAM 62-75**





# *Drug Trends*

- Drug trafficking is a primary source of revenue for most OMGs.
- Methamphetamine and marijuana are their drugs of choice.
- Members smuggle drugs into the United States from Mexico & Canada and they produce, transport, and distribute the drugs within the United States.
- The bigger OMG Clubs have puppet clubs that are subservient to the larger clubs and will deal, transport, & traffic drugs at the direction of the larger OMGs.
- Mexican criminal groups increasingly have taken control of producing and distributing methamphetamine domestically, as well as smuggling the drug and its precursors into the United States.
- Canada is becoming a bigger supplier of precursor chemicals for domestically produced methamphetamine and marijuana.





## THE SIX LARGEST OUTLAW BIKER GANGS

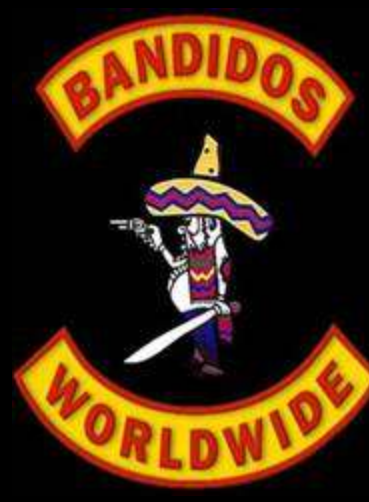
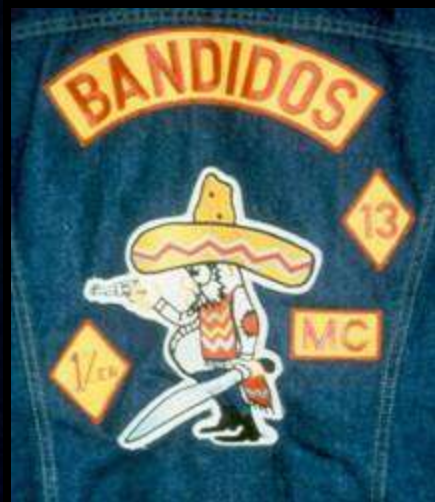




# Bandidos

“We are the people that our parents warned us about”

- Second largest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang with about 190 chapters and 2400 members in 16 countries.
- Occupy territories near the Gulf Coast
- Mother chapter in San Antonio, Texas
- Least sophisticated, considered a bunch of thugs
- At war with the Pagans and Hell's Angels
- Aligned with the Outlaws, and Mongols





# Outlaw's



"God forgives; Outlaw's don't"

- Third largest Motorcycle Gang with about 200 chapters and about 1200 members in 11 countries.
- Has chapters in Australia, Asia, Canada, and Europe
- Mother chapter in Detroit, MI
- At war with the Hell's Angels, Pagans, and Sons of Silence
- Aligned with the Bandidos, Mongols, and Chosen Few

# Pagan's

- Fourth largest Outlaw Biker Gang with about 40 chapters and 700 members in eleven states.
- Their primary area of operations is the North Eastern United States, specifically the states of Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania.
- The Pagans are more nomadic than most clubs and do not have a fixed mother chapter.
- The Pagans' propensity for violence and their proximity to mob turf earns the club the best connections to traditional organized crime.
- At war with the Hell's Angels, Bandidos, and Outlaw's.





# Mongol's

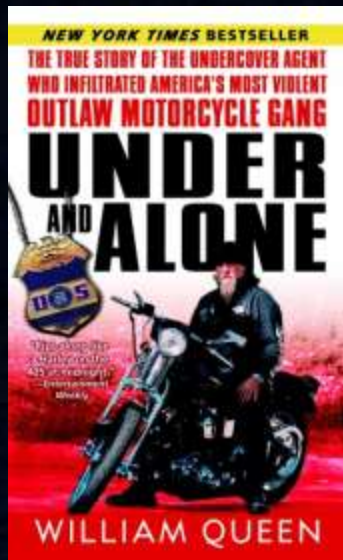
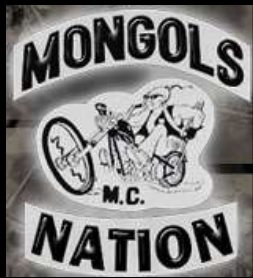
“Respect few, fear none”



- Fifth largest Outlaw Biker Gang with 27 Chapters and about 600 members in four states and Mexico
- Most up and coming gang. Accepts just about anyone, even members as young as eighteen. Actively recruiting LA Street gang members to fill their ranks. Reputation for having the least allegiance to their gang.
- Approximately 90% of members are Hispanic
- Mother Chapter is in Montebello, California
- At war with the Hell's Angels & Mexican Mafia
- Aligned with Bandidos, Outlaws, and Pagans







Bill's got an excellent book about his time undercover

# Biker Gang Missed Signs of an Agent in Its Midst

■ **Crime:** An undercover operative compiled evidence against the Mongols, out of East L.A., who will be in federal court next month.

By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

He said his name was Billy, Billy St. John, and he dealt meth, and handled machine guns and teetered in dark, violent bars, pulling at bottled beer and winning the trust of men he would later betray in the name of the law.

He said he wanted to join the Mongols, an East L.A. motorcycle gang that was desperate for new members. With a Willie Nelson beard and a face mapped with wrinkles, Billy looked the part.

Rocky, Panhead, Silent, Conan—men with names that implied explosive violence—had no idea they were about to be duped by a supremely elaborate undercover disguise. The federal government had gone to great lengths to make sure the bikers would never suspect what awaits them in federal court next month: Billy on the witness stand, Mongols at the defense table, the prospect of long sentences for murder, drug dealing and other charges

hanging over them.

"Yeah, looking back at it, there were little things he did like leaving bars too early and wearing long-sleeve shirts in summer that now seem like giveaways," said J.R. MacDonald, a 250-pound Mongol nicknamed "Hoss," who is charged with dealing in stolen motorcycles. "But at the time, he was just Billy. He rode with us. He partied with us. He was our treasurer. Nobody ever thought twice about it."

Two and a half years ago, Billy, whose name is really William Queen, a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, swung a booted leg over his Harley Softtail and roared off on a journey destined to become an undercover legend. He swaggered into one biker bar after another from the San Fernando Valley to Daytona Beach, Fla., lingered in Harley shops and tattoo parlors and apartments stashed with methamphetamines and cocaine, climbed straight up the ladder of Mongolism from "hang around" to "prospect" to full patch member and then finally, somehow, to the organization's inner



ATF agent William Queen infiltrated Mongol motorcycle gang and stayed two years.

circle.

"The Mongols are some of the more hard-core bikers around," said James Pollock, a San Fernando Police Department detective who has investigated motorcycle

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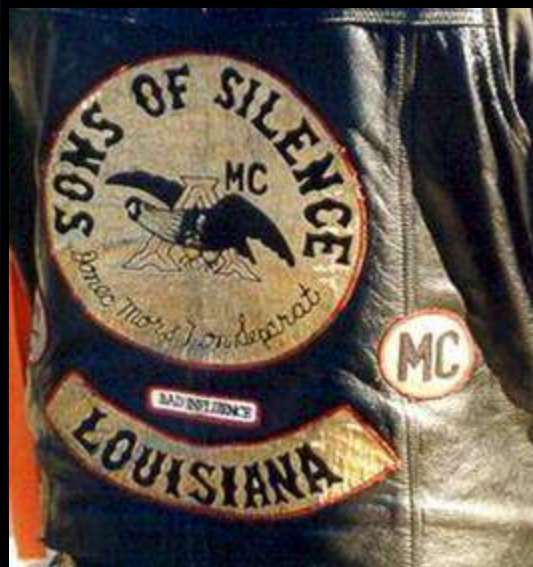
In the fall of 2000, ATF William Queen completed a two year undercover investigation that resulted in over dozens of arrests and broke the Mongol's back.



# Sons of Silence



- Sixth largest Outlaw Biker Gang with about 400 members in seven states and a chapter in Germany
- Based out of the state of Colorado
- Mother Chapter is in Denver
- At war with the Hell's Angels and Outlaws



# Vago's



- Although not one of the big six, the Vago's are one of the largest gangs in Southern California with about 300 members.
- Formed in the 1960's in San Bernardino. The term "vagos" comes from the spanish language meaning "traveling gypsy".
- Have approximately two dozen chapters in California, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Mexico, and New Zealand. Mother chapter is in Mira Loma, Ca.
- At war with the Hell's Angels
- Have the color green as their main club color. Green is considered a bad luck color amongst bikers. (represents the green grass on the ground)
- Into illegal weapons & methamphetamine sales.

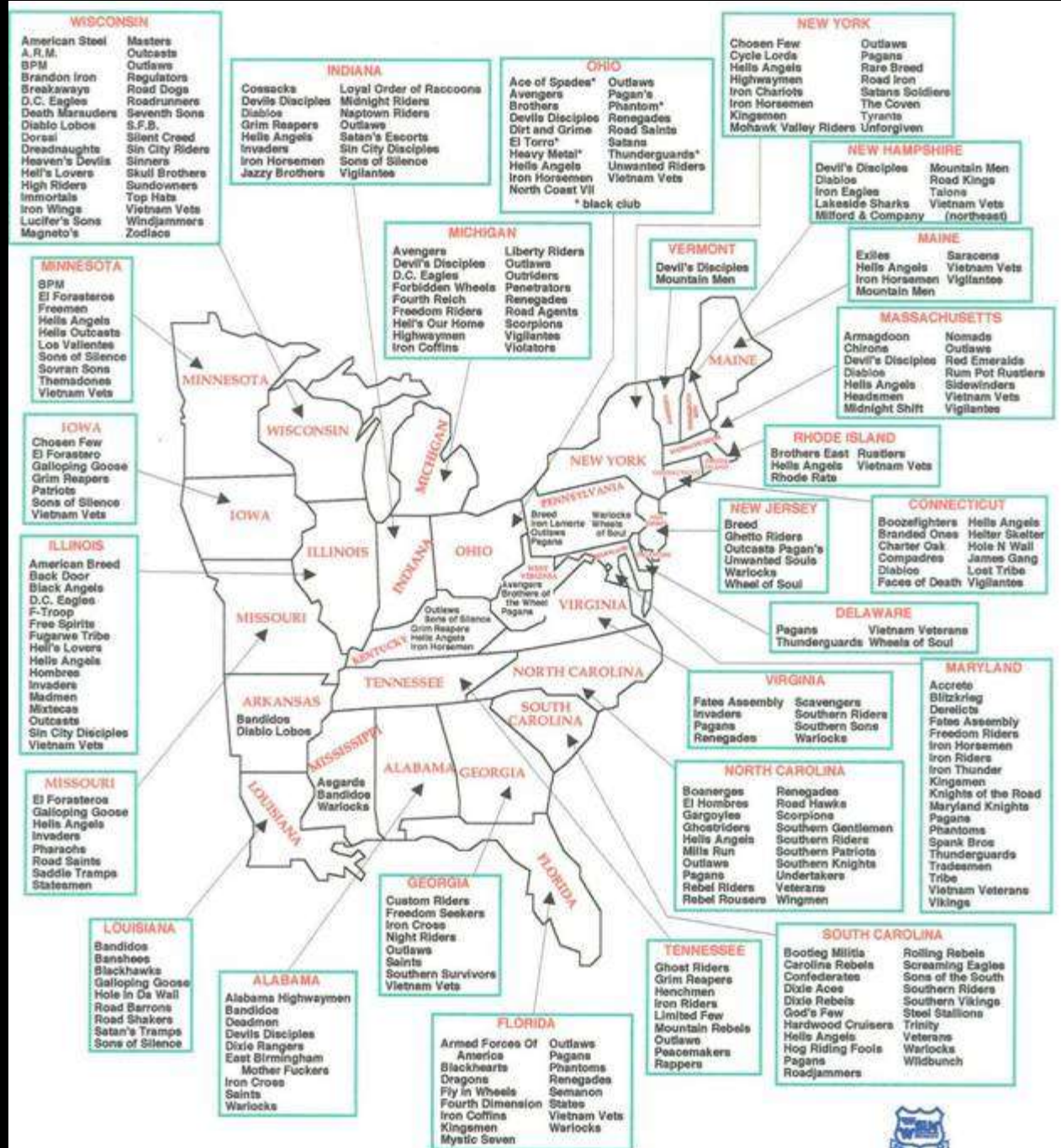




# Outlaw Biker Gangs in the Western US

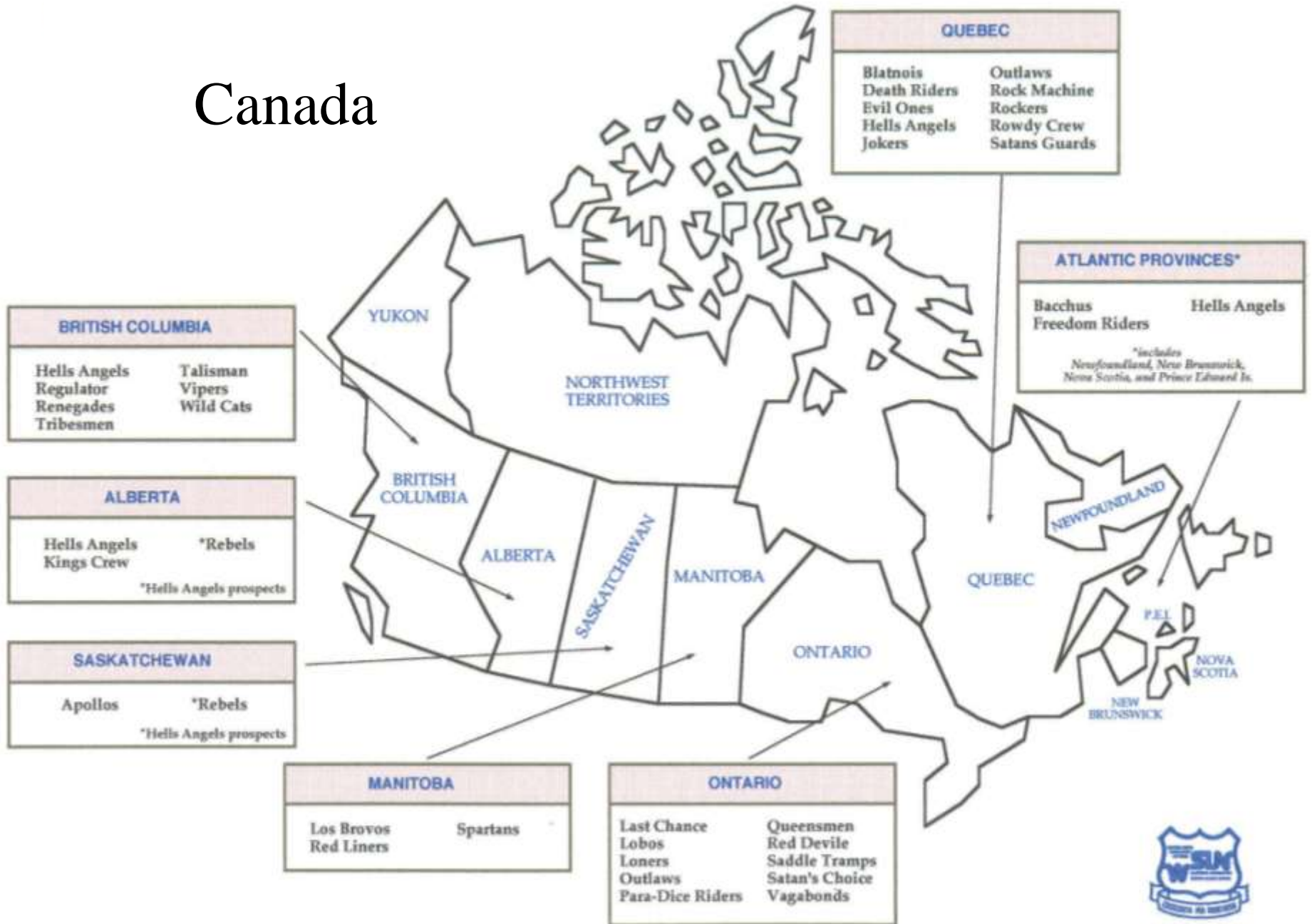


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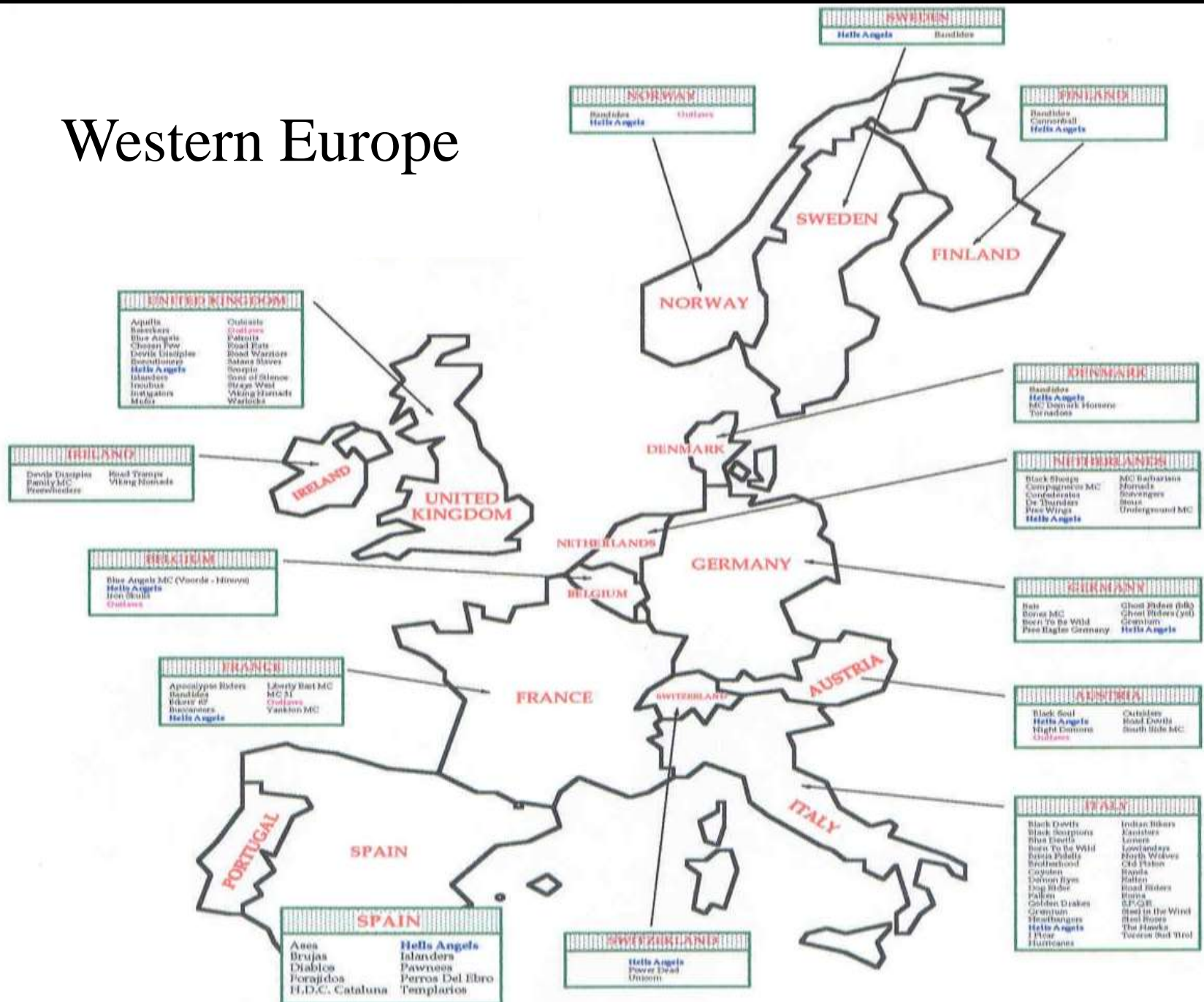




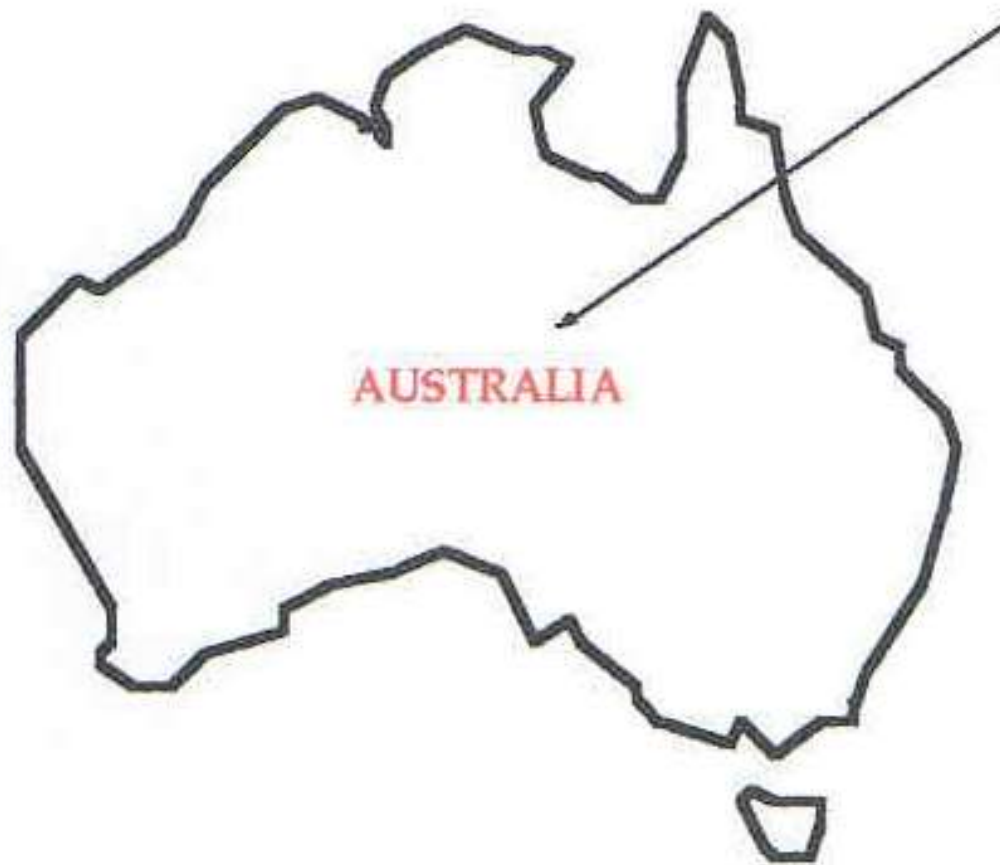
# Canada



# Western Europe







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Banditos	Hells Angels
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Coffin Cheaters	Outlaws
Pinks	Rebels
Gypsy Jokers	



NEW ZEALAND	
Hells Angels	Road Knights
Outlaws	

Australia



# LAUGHLIN RIVER RUN

APRIL 2002



After a solo Hells Angel is gunned down en route to the Laughlin River Run, the Hell's Angels who are staying at the Flamingo Hotel regroup and ride over to Harrah's Casino to confront the Mongols Motorcycle Gang. At 2AM on Saturday the 20th of April 2002, a gun fight breaks out between the Mongols and Angels. When it is over, two Hells Angel's and one Mongol are dead and over a dozen other bikers are wounded.





## LAUGHLIN RIVER RUN

Shortly after the Laughlin Incident, a threatening letter was mailed to the Las Vegas Police outlining plans to “take out any pig issuing harassing violations.”

The letter ended with  
“Death to all who wear the badge.”



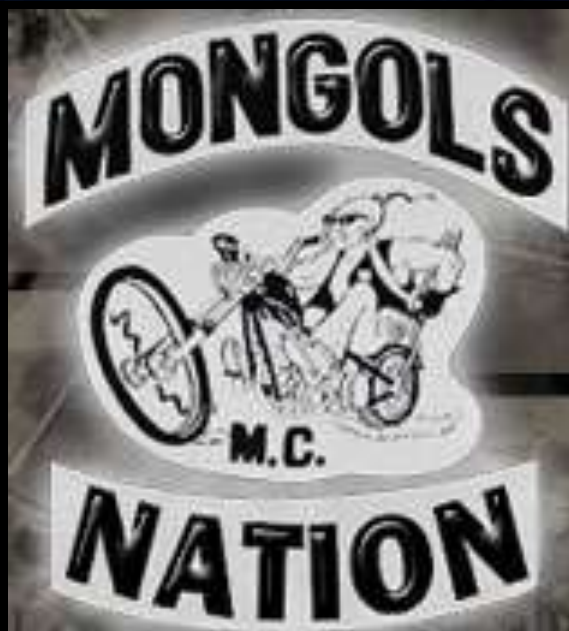
This is just a note to tell the pigs how lucky they are for not citing my wife for flashing or me for petty motorcycle violations, ~~the~~ ~~are~~ In the wake of the harassment witnessed in Hollister in 2005 and in Laughlin on 4/29, we are forming the M'jahidin Motorcycle Club; our mission will be to take out any pig ~~is~~ issuing harassing violations. I'm not talking drunk driving; I'm talking petty bullshit tickets. I already got away with killing one pig; for me, it's easy.

Death to all who wear a badge.



# LAUGHLIN RIVER RUN

The following year, In preparation for the April 2003 Laughlin River Run, the following paid advertisement appeared in the March 2003 edition of Hot Bike Magazine.



The Mongols Motorcycle Club deeply regrets the incident at Harrah's Casino. We do, however, believe in our right to defend our loved ones and ourselves. We understand that some biker events have been canceled out of concern that there may be another incident. More than anyone, we understand the disappointment of such cancellations to motorcycle enthusiasts. For this reason, we have contacted promoters—though we also greatly enjoy the events and believe in our right to attend—and have voluntarily agreed not to attend such events so that motorcycle enthusiasts may continue to enjoy them. Though we did not expect trouble, we cooperated with events, such as the Ventura Beach Run, Palm Springs Bike Week, and Hollister.

It was never our intention to participate in anything like what occurred in Laughlin. In fact, we went out of our way to avoid such an incident. To start with, we made reservations at the hotel that is furthest from the hotels frequented by other clubs. In order to avoid confrontations with other clubs at gas and rest stops, the Mongols chose a longer, less-traveled route to Laughlin. Once in Laughlin, law enforcement officials approached us; their concern was that we might visit the Flamingo Hotel and Casino, a hotel frequented by other clubs. We assured them that we had no intention of such action and, in order to further put law enforcement at ease, we voluntarily agreed not to attend any events on the strip. The Mongols were also approached by hotel security and were threatened with random searches by law enforcement. We were told to leave our buck knives in our rooms. The Mongols cooperated and were left unarmed. As for the accusation that the Mongols set a trap and were waiting for other clubs, videos will show that, not only were we unarmed, but most of us had retired to our rooms. The videos will also show that we were with our women and our adult sons and daughters. This being said, we must add that we do not apologize for defending ourselves.

As for those of you who were placed in harm's way, we sympathize and appreciate your concern. We would, however, suggest you inquire as to what role law enforcement played in the incident. You might ask why, if law enforcement was so concerned, they stood by and watched the situation develop. A news report stated that two officers received medals for following one group from the Flamingo Hotel to Harrah's Hotel. Ask yourself how many undercover officers were watching the entire incident unfold from inside Harrah's—and if the disarming of the Mongols was coincidental.

Motorcycle clubs have long complained about law enforcement aggravating situations and supplying information and misinformation to supposed rival clubs to escalate their disputes—similar to prison guards pitting prisoners against each other in gladiator-style combat. We have been fed information by law enforcement officials that gives us not only the legal names of our alleged rivals, but also their addresses, the types of vehicles they ride, and pictures of their faces. Why do we, as a motorcycle club, have government issue documents like this in our possession? Our alleged rivals have been fed the same type of information about us.

We feel that publicizing this will assure the public that this information will not serve to provoke us. In fact, in the months prior to Laughlin, members of many of the most influential clubs in the world had been meeting to establish relationships to prevent situations like the one in Laughlin. The members are promoting peace through communication, love and respect. However, this type of harmony will not benefit law enforcement, as they will not obtain funding for their special operations and task forces. So law enforcement wrongfully accuses us of conspiring against rival clubs or planning drug deals to get the public on their side. Despite attempts to disrupt the peaceful path we have chosen, The Mongols Motorcycle Club will continue towards its goal.

As further proof that we are sincere in this quest for peace, we are granting the following request. For over thirty years, the only two clubs that have earned the right to wear "California" on their bottom rocker have been the Mongols and the Hell's Angels. This still holds true today. In a gesture of pure generosity and good faith, we, the Mongols, are granting permission to any and all presently existing clubs in California, including the Hessians, Rare Breed, Vagos, Sundowners, all law enforcement clubs, etc. to wear the "California" bottom rocker. Enjoy, but never forget the price paid by those who earned it.





## *Operation Black Rain*



## *Raid Targets Mongols Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Members*

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On October 21, 2008, more than 1,000 federal agents and police in Southern California, Nevada, Oregon, Colorado, Washington and Ohio, arrested 61 Mongols Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members after a three-year undercover investigation in which federal agents infiltrated the gang. In addition to racketeering, those arrested are charged with committing violent crimes -- including murder -- drug trafficking, weapons offenses and money laundering.

The key to the investigation -- dubbed Operation Black Rain -- was the work of the four undercover agents who spent several years gaining the Mongols' trust. Before being admitted to the gang, they were checked out by a private investigator who had been hired by the Mongols and they were given polygraph exams.

# Operation Black Rain



In a unique approach, the Attorney General has applied for and received a temporary injunction against the Mongols trademarked logo under the guise that the pending RICO prosecutions (as a result of Operation Black Rain) would eventually result in the forfeiture of all property of this “criminal organization”. The court order authorized any law enforcement officer to seize items that depict the logo from any Mongol’s Motorcycle member. This court order definitely captured the attention of other OMGs. Unfortunately, about a year later, the Mongols won their case and the court order was rescinded.

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